

MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF MIDFIELD  
CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Midfield, Alabama met on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gary Richardson presiding.

Chaplain Orlando Robinson Jr. led attendees in prayer. Mayor Gary Richardson led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recarda Cobb, City Clerk, called roll. The following members were present: Councilor Velma Johnson, Councilor Janice Anderson, Councilor Terry Adams, Councilor Jimmie Robinson, and Mayor Gary Richardson. Councilor James Reasor was absent.

**Approval of Agenda:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from last regular scheduled meeting:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last regular scheduled meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of October #1 Bills of \$28,054.14:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve October #1 Bills of \$28,054.14. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2016-69:** Declaring weeds a public nuisance. (a) 805 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., (b) 902 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., (c) 601 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., (d) 1432 Creel St., (e) 211 Creel St., (f) 156 Parkwood St., (g) 691 Woodward Rd., (h) 716 Owen Ave., (i) 536 Henson St., (j) 537 Henson St., and (k) 340 Bessemer Super Highway. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-69. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2016-70:** Public hearing for weeds. (a) 521 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (b) 525 B.Y. Williams Sr. Dr., (c) 524 Lovelin St., (d) 521 Lovelin St., (e) 533 Lovelin St., (f) 1345 Woodward Rd., (g) 1305 Rayfield Dr., and (h) 1333 Creel St. Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-70. The motion was seconded by Councilor Terry Adams. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2016-71:** Resolution appropriating \$650.00 for the City of Midfield's Christmas celebration. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve Resolution

No. 2016-71. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget:** Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval of Resolution No. 2016-72:** Resolution approving the agreement with Birmingham Jefferson Transit Authority (MAX). Councilor Velma Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-72. The motion was seconded by Councilor Janice Anderson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Approval to amend the Agenda:** Appropriating City of Midfield's supplies (cups, pens, and bags) to Christian Walk Baptist Church. Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to amend the agenda and consider appropriating supplies to Christian Walk Baptist Church. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously. Councilor Terry Adams made a motion to approve appropriating supplies to Christian Walk Baptist Church. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.

**Report from Mayor:** Mayor Gary Richardson deferred to Department heads.

Lieutenant Harrington stated that the Midfield Fire Department have experienced a slight increase in medical calls coming from the City of Fairfield.

Jeff Zissette stated that High School Road is finished and the fencing at Midfield's Park should be completed soon. He also stated that the Leaf truck will be in operation shortly.

Lieutenant Logan stated that there have been several robberies at Family Dollar as well as O'Reilly Auto Parts. She also stated that the Midfield Police Department have encouraged O'Reilly to install security cameras, but they refused.

**Report from Council:**

Councilor Terry Adams informed all of the Christmas Parade being held on December 10, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Councilor Janice Anderson inquired about appropriating some of the City of Midfield's paraphernalia to a Neighboring church.

Councilor Jimmie Robinson gave a brief history of his years as a Councilmember. He also thanked everyone for their support through the years and congratulated Mrs. Wendy Merriweather on being the new Councilmember.

Councilor Velma Johnson informed all of the applications being taken by the City of Birmingham to winterize homes in the City of Midfield.

**Open to Public:**

Ms. Daisy of 502 Swann Drive complained about trees growing over onto her property. Jeff informed Ms. Daisy that the City of Midfield's weed ordinance doesn't cover trees growing from one person's yard into another individual's yard. Attorney David Sullivan also stated that the City of Midfield can't get involved in her situation.

David Beach was concerned about having the leaves picked up on his street. Jeff Zissette assured him that the leaf truck will be on the road soon.

Wendy Merriweather invited everyone to the Fashion show at Midfield High School.

**Adjournment:**

Councilor Janice Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Velma Johnson. All members present voted aye, passing the motion unanimously.